Labour Department.

19. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have arrived at a decision to constitute a Labour Department in the State; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be constituted?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) & (*b*) The Director of Industries has been appointed as Labour Commissioner. Government do not think it necessary to appoint a full time Labour Commissioner at present.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Weaving Schools.

8. **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of weaving schools conducted in the Trivandrum Division;

(*b*) the number of such schools which are recognised by the Government and those which are receiving Government grants;

(*c*) whether there are any weaving schools conducted directly by the Government outside the Trivandrum town;

(*d*) whether the weaving schools help a large number of young men and women to learn a trade which helps them to earn their living; and

(*e*) whether the Government provide increased grant for such institutions every year so as to help more institutions to function?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) 65.

(*b*) Recognised—49 and aided—42.

(*c*) Yes, there is one at Nagercoil.

(*d*) They are expected to do so.

(*e*) No.

Rules under Section 24 of Act II of 1116.

9. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state (*a*) whether it has come to their notice that applications under Section 9 of Act II of 1116 are kept pending for want of rules contemplated under Section 24 of that Act; and

(*b*) whether rules as contemplated by Section 24 of Act II of 1116 have been framed and published by the Government?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) No.

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(*b*) Draft Rules under Section 24 of Act II of 1116 have been framed and they will be issued shortly.

Bus Service in Trivandrum-Kattakada line.

10. **Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any regular motor bus service in Trivandrum-Kattakada line and in the Kattakada-Nedumangad line;

(*b*) if so the number of buses that are permitted to ply for hire in that line and the number of times in a day they are allowed to run; and

(*c*) whether they have considered the possibility of extending the transport service to Kattakada and from there to Nedumangad without additional buses and additional expenses ?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*) : (*a*) There is regular bus service in the Trivandrum-Kattakada line. One bus is running service between Trivandrum and Nedumangad *via* Kattakada.

(*b*) One bus is allowed to run between Trivandrum and Kattakada from 6 A. M. to 8 P. M. at intervals of half an hour. The bus that conducts service between Trivandrum and Nedumangad has permission to run 2 trips a day.

(*c*) It is impossible to extend any service without additional expense unless the original service from which the extension is made is reduced to an extent equal to the additional mileage involved in the extension.

Plant-operators in the Development Department.

11. **Mr. James Fletcher** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Plant-operators who are appointed in the Development Department since its inauguration ;

(*b*) the names and qualifications of each of them ;

(*c*) whether any such operator has been relieved from service, if so, their names ; and

(*d*) whether such persons have been provided for in any other departments ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) Six.

(*b*) 1. Mr. N. Venkataraman B. Sc.
2. Mr. V. Subramoniah B. A.
3. Mr. T. G. Gopalan Nair, Intermediate.
4. Mr. G. A. Lopez B. A

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